The Central Transmission Utility also plans and implements inter-regional transmission system to form the National Power Grid for transfer of power from one region to another.

Planning and implementation of the transmission system within the State is the responsibility of the State Transmission Utility.

Test flights of LCA TEJAS'

*11. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) TEJAS has been successfully tested;

(b) if so, the results of the test flights; and

(c) its main features as compared of LCAs in use with other international airforces and its comparative cost?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. Indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) TEJAS has been successfully tested for 302 flights including supersonic flights.

(b) Seven test pilots of Indian Air Force have adjudged the handling quality of aircraft as Very Good'. Analysis of flight test data has indicated good match between recorded flight test data and the estimated performance.

(c) TEJAS is an advanced technology, single engine, supersonic, light weight, all weather and multi-role air superiority fighter. TEJAS is the smallest and most agile combat aircarft of it's type in the world.

Unit cost of TEJAS is approximately Rs. 100 crore. Whereas cost of comparable aircraft JAS-39 is close to Rs. 150 crore.

Inquiry into use of banned drugs by athletes of Athens Olympics

*12. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ordered a high level inquiry into the use of banned drugs by our athletes before and during Athens Olympics;

(b) if so, whether the inquiry report has since been submitted to Government; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) appointed an Inquiry Committee with Brig. (Retd.) K.P. Singh Deo, Chairman, Sports Development Commission of IOA and Dr. Manmohan Singh, Chairman, Medical Commission of Olympic Council of Asia to look into the doping controversy at the Athens Olympic Games, 2004.

On the recommendations of the Inquiry Committee, a life-time ban has been imposed on participation in sports events on the two weightlifters, namely Ms Sunamacha Chanu and Ms Pratima Kumari, who had tested positive for banned drugs during the Athens Olympic Games.

The Government has terminated contracts of the coaches involved with the training of the above mentioned weightlifters, namely Shri Pal Singh Sandhu, the then National Coach and Shri Leonid Taranenko, Foreign Coach.

Early warning systems to deal with Natural Disasters

*13.SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to frame a policy and legal framework for disaster management that would lay down precautionary and preventive measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far the proposed measures would help to control the impact of natural calamities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government propose to